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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY (OKAZAKI) INFORMED US LATE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPTEMBER 15) THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM TOKYO ON KOREAN PROPOSAL FOR AN AGREED MINUTE IN ADDITION TO TANAKA LETTER. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO ROKG.

2. ACCORDING OKAZAKI, BOTH SIDES ARE NOW CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON "PROCEDURE". JAPANESE DO NOT WISH TO INITIAL AN AGREED MINUTE AS PROPOSED BY KOREAN SIDE. HOWEVER GOJ IS WILLING TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COPY OF PRESENTATION MADE BY SHIINA. OKAZAKI SAID ROKG ACCEPTS THIS BUT INSISTS THAT JAPANESE SIDE MUST AT LEAST INITIAL THE WRITTEN COPY OF SHIINA'S PRESENTATION. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS REFERRED THIS TO TOKYO AND IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT GOJ WILL AGREE.

3. JAPANESE HERE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ON CONTENT OF SHIINO'S SUBSTANTIVE PRESENTATION. HOWEVER OKAZAKI SAID TOKYO HAS INDICATED IT WILL BE FLEXIBLE AND FORTHCOMING ON THAT SCORE.

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4. JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS ALSO POINTED OUT TO KOREANS A MINOR PROBLEM OF TIMING. SEPTEMBER 16 IS JAPANESE HOLIDAY SO IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SECURE MINISTERIAL APPROVAL OF SHIINA'S SUBSTANTIVE PRESENTATION UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17. ACCORDING OKAZAKI, KOREANS SEEM FAIRLY RELAXED ON THAT POINT AND ARE "ALMOST EXPECTING" SHIINA TO ARRIVE IN SEOUL ON SEPTEMBER 18.
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